



The Eighth 2012 meeting of the Informal Group on Accessions (IGA) took place today, 21 September. The Director of the Accessions Division briefed the IGA on: (i) the two 2012 LDC Accession Priorities (Lao PDR and Yemen); (ii) the three 2012 non-LDC Accession Priorities (Kazakhstan; Serbia; and Timor-Leste).

Lao PDR A dedicated session of the General Council formally adopted Lao PDR's Accession Package envisaged for the end of October.

Yemen The first technical verification meeting, chaired by the Director of the Accessions Division, took place on 2-3 August and remained work in progress, under the direct supervision of the Facilitator. Yemen was currently preparing its replies to questions received from Members.

Tajikistan The Accessions Division circulated two components of Tajikistan's draft Accession Package, namely: the draft Goods and the draft Services Schedules. The third and final component, the revised draft Working Party Report, would be circulated on Monday, 24 September. This would be the close-to-final version of the revised draft Working Party Report. At the next meeting, scheduled for 9 October, the Working Party would consider Tajikistan's draft Accession Package. An additional meeting may be convened in November/December.

Friday, 21 September 2012	IGA	Informal Group on Accessions	Fax 14/09/2012 refers	S3	no	-
Friday, 28 September 2012	Lao PDR	10 th Working Party	WTO/AIR/3995 refers	CR I	yes	tbc
[Wednesday, 3 October 2012]	Kazakhstan	Plurilateral on SPS	Convening Notice Pending (AM only)	S2	no	tbc
		Plurilateral on TBT	Convening Notice Pending (PM only)	S2	no	tbc
[Thursday, 4 October 2012]	Kazakhstan	Plurilateral on Agriculture	Convening Notice Pending (AM only)	S3	no	tbc
		Plurilateral on TRIMs	Convening Notice Pending (PM only)	S3	no	